5.58 lakh dwelling units were constructed for the economically weaker sections of the population.

(vii) With a view to removing shelterlessness, Government of India has approved a scheme for provision of shelter to the pavement dwellers in the metropolitan cities. Two schemes costing Rs. 34 lakhs and Rs. 89.88 lakhs have been sanctioned for Calcutta and Madras respectively.

(c) According to the 1981 census data, the number of shelterless persons in the country (excluding Assam where census could not be held) was 23.27 lakhs.

(d) As stated in reply to parts (a) and (b).

Telecast of Kalidas Samaroh held in Ujjain

433. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kalidas Samaroh is being celebrated every year in Ujjain;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to telecast the celebration of Kalidas Samaroh;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have got the live coverage of Kalidas Samaroh through its media and other agencies;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to telecast the coverage of Kalidas Samaroh already received from these agencies; and

(e) if so, by when the celebration of Kalidas Samaroh is likely to be telecast?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Kalidas Samaroh held at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh from 19th to 25th November, 1988 was covered by Doordarshan and excerpts of the recordings were telecast in the Sanskriti Programme telecast on 20-12-1988 and 16-2-1989 on the National Network.

Commissioning of Vishakhapatnam Steel plant

434. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant is not likely to be commissioned within schedule time;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to complete the erectioning and commissioning of Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant in time?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The main reasons are inadequate performance of some of the contractors, delay in the supply of certain items of equipment and delay on the part of Andhra Pradesh Government to make water available for the plant by construction of Yeluru Canal. The Government is continuously monitoring the pace of construction of the plant.

Welfare of old an destitute women

435. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any programme for the